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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES AND DIVISION OF  
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH  
FEDERAL PARTNER AGENCIES TO PROTECT IMPORTANT STATE MARINE  
RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, there have been increasing concerns over human and  
2 vessel-based interactions with spinner dolphins, other marine  
3 mammals, and sea turtles; and  
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5 WHEREAS, spinner dolphins, other marine mammals, and sea  
6 turtles are indigenous wildlife; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
9 Division of Aquatic Resources is responsible for managing,  
10 conserving, and restoring the State's unique aquatic resources,  
11 including indigenous wildlife and ecosystems, for present and  
12 future generations; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
15 Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement upholds the  
16 laws that serve to protect, conserve, and manage the State's  
17 unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources and  
18 has entered into a cooperative enforcement agreement with the  
19 Secretary of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
20 Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, and law  
21 enforcement services under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery  
22 Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act of  
23 1973, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Lacey Act  
24 Amendments of 1981, and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
27 administrative rules regarding marine indigenous wildlife,  
28 particularly spinner dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles,  
29 should be strengthened and updated to complement existing  
30 federal regulations; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
2 should consult with federal partner agencies to explore new  
3 measures that would expand upon existing measures to manage  
4 these indigenous wildlife; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State has received federal and private grants  
7 for the conservation of protected marine species, including  
8 Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, and false killer whales; and

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10 WHEREAS, there exists a number of potential funding sources  
11 from federal and private agencies that could help improve  
12 management of these indigenous wildlife, especially given  
13 limited state resources; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
16 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
17 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
18 Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources is  
19 requested to strengthen administrative rules governing the  
20 protection of indigenous marine wildlife, particularly spinner  
21 dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
24 Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of  
25 Conservation and Resource Enforcement increase collaboration  
26 with federal partners on federal rules related to spinner  
27 dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
30 Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of  
31 Conservation and Resource Enforcement continue to explore  
32 additional mechanisms to access federal and private funding for  
33 the protection of marine mammals and sea turtles; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
37 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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